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exchanges in Agra and Foundry Nagar, Agra is very bad. It causes a lot of hardship to the foundry industry earning foreign exchanges worth crores of rupees, to the approximate number of 2 lakh tourists visiting Agra every year, to the shoe and carpet industry, to the collage industries making handicrafts, to the traders and telephone subscribers. Old telephone equipments have become obsolete and started deteriorating. They are not working well. Due to lack of proper maintenance, the general telephones have lost their credibility. As such, all the old telephone equipments should be changed. It is also necessary to repair the lines after making a thorough check of the same.

A list of about 12,000 applicants seeking telephone connections is pending. Applicants have been waiting for several years even after depositing money under "own your telephone by depositing Rs. 8000/- scheme." The Government has not formulated any scheme to provide telephone connections in sufficient numbers to people waiting for the same. Only 5,000 telephone lines are operating in Sanjay place telephone exchange out of the proposed 10,000 line capacity. All the 10,000 lines should be made fully operational at this exchange. I would like to request the Central Government to prepare a time bound programme for installing telephone equipments with modern technology by replacing the old equipments and providing new connections to people waiting for the same.

- (v) **Need to provide more funds to the State Government of Bihar for proper development of Jahanabad area in Bihar.**

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH (Jahanabad): India is a country with a federal character. Where people speaking different

languages live. Bihar is an economically, socially and educationally backward State. The number of terrorist organisations are growing very fast in this State and innocent people are being massacred. Youth belonging to down-trodden communities, backward castes and poor classes of society are joining the ranks of these organisations. The Jahanabad Parliamentary Constituency has fallen a victim to these maladies. Backwardness is the main reason behind this.

Only backward castes and dalits live in hundreds of villages having population of 500 to 1000, in this constituency. There villages are even devoid of primary education. The people drink unsafe water containing soil, in these villages. These are the reasons. I would, therefore, request the Central Government to provide adequate funds to the State Government to complete all these work so that proper development of the area could be done and the youth could be prevented from joining extremist ranks.

[English]

- (vi) **Need to generate more employment by hastening the process of delineating the rocks in Kapadwanj and Thasara Taluka of Kheda district, Gujarat**

SHRI GABHAJI MANGAJI THAKORE (Kapadwanj): Sir, the Kapadwanj and Thasara Taluka of Kheda district, Gujarat are backward areas. Because of the scanty rainfall and bleak irrigation resources, a large number of village youth are unemployed. The only source of providing some employment is to delineate the rocky areas which are rich in different minerals. As per the reports this area has good potential of reserves of minerals like bauxite, limestone, bentonite, gravel and sand. The present work in progress is able to engage about